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IRRIGATION MEETING IS HELD AT NYSSA

Plans Under Way to Irrigate 40,000 Acres of New Land.

A meeting of those interested in the Owyhee irrigation project was held at Nyssa Tuesday. Col. Pardonst representing Slick Bros., was present, and announced that he would be prepared to make them a definite proposition in behalf of his company within a week. Talmage Bros. also had a representative present who stated that they would probably make some definite proposition in a short time. The land to be watered lies above the Sheestring canal and southwest of Ontario and contains about 40,000 acres of fine land including the Kingman Colony, Big Bend and Mitchell Butte. The proposition as outlined at present will consist of a big pumping plant capable of pumping water for the entire scope of country mentioned which includes one of the finest bodies of land in this section.

TWO TRAIN LOADS OF WOOL STORED HERE

Today a Record Breaker in the History of Of Ontario Wool Arrivals.

The wool market in Ontario is a very busy place this week, as there are a great many clips arriving for the first wool sale which will be held next Monday, June 9. There is more wool in town today than there has ever been at one time in the history of Ontario.

Monday morning when the warehouse opened to receive wool from the teamsters, there were 50 wagons loaded with wool standing in the streets of the warehouse district waiting to be unloaded, and besides, several cars standing on the side track that had arrived from interior points by rail.

This week the wool is just beginning to come from the Stein Mountain district and the Wild Horse country. This latter wool all went to Winnemucca, Nevada, until the last few years, when the growers were convinced that Ontario was a far better market than Winnemucca, because they were always able to make from one to four cents a pound more for the wool here than they could at Winnemucca. And at the same time able to buy supplies a great deal cheaper than they could at the Nevada town.

While it is nearly impossible to get the exact figures on the amount of wool stored in the several warehouses, a close estimate shows that there is practically 2,000,000 pounds on hand awaiting the opening sale. The quality of the wool has never been as good as it is this year. The staple is longer than ever before and the wool is much cleaner.

While it is hard to predict what price will be offered on Monday, it is the general opinion that the prices will be satisfactory to the growers.

The wool industry is one of the biggest industries in Eastern Oregon, and every one in the country is more or less affected by the success or failure of this industry.

STATE LAND SELLS FOR GOOD FIGURE AT PUBLIC SALE

There was 1000 acres of state land sold in the Gem Irrigation district at public sale held in Homedale on Saturday. The land sold at prices ranging from \$30 to \$34 an acre. Water will cost \$27 an acre and is now ready to be placed on the land from the pumping plant installed by the Crane Falls company.

The railroad is completed from the west into Homedale and it is considered significant that the Short Line is putting down a fine quality of 90 pound rails on this line. The land is being developed and is a big district with great possibilities.

GOVERNMENT MAN HERE TO FIND COST OF IRRIGATION

In order to get first hand information in regard to the amount of water used and the results and costs, the government has C. E. Lyman in the field here who has weirs in the ditches of the Advancement company, also in the waste ditches, so that he can determine the amount of water actually used and what it costs. This work is being done by the irrigation section of the agricultural department.

CLOTHING STORE IS ROBBED SUNDAY NIGHT

Suit of Clothes and Several Smaller Articles Taken Thief is Captured.

A young man giving the name of Roy Edwards, was arrested at Weiser Monday and brought back here for burglarizing the Toggery at this place Sunday night. He is about 20 years old and claims that his home is in Wisconsin. At the time of his arrest he was wearing the suit of clothes stolen from the Toggery, a description of which had been sent to different towns along the line. A man at Weiser recognized the suit from the description sent in which was the primary cause of his arrest. He denied the theft very vigorously until he was brought back to this city, but seeing that the evidence was all against him he plead guilty and was placed in the county jail at Vale to await the action of the grand jury. The goods taken would probably amount to about \$50, which consisted of a suit of clothes, hat, suit case and a few other articles. He forced an entrance by prying the door open with a rod of iron taken from a farm implement belonging to the M. M. Co.

ROOSEVELT GIVEN VERDICT OF 6 CENTS

Marquette, Mich.—Complete exoneration for Colonel Roosevelt, former president, from charges of drunkenness made against him in an editorial by George Newett, editor of the Ishpeming, Mich., Iron Ore, came here when Newett, after Roosevelt's case was rested, took the witness stand and made complete surrender, and withdrew the charge of his paper that Roosevelt "gets drunk and that not infrequently."

In a long statement read in open court, he admitted he had combed the country, but had found not one single witness who could testify he had seen Colonel Roosevelt take liquor to excess. To all intents and purposes he threw himself upon Roosevelt's mercy. Roosevelt, unwilling to assess upon Newett the heavy damages he had claimed, arose in court and declared he had achieved his object, disproved the tale that did him much injury in the last campaign and asked the court to direct a verdict in his favor for nominal damages only—which in Michigan is 6 cents.

The six cents were paid and the colonel will settle his own costs of close to \$10,000.

POPULAR YOUNG PEOPLE OF ONTARIO ARE MARRIED

Miss Leta M. Sisley and H. L. Holcomb were married June 1 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Carille, in the presence of immediate friends and relatives, Rev. Johns performing the ceremony.

The young couple are well known in Ontario and have a host of friends who wish them a very prosperous and happy journey through life.

Shady Beard and Miss Ethel Blanch Bowen were married at the home of the bride's parents last Saturday morning, Rev. Philip Koenig officiating.

MEMBERS OF HILL PARTY ARE ROYALLY ENTERTAINED

Banquetted by Prominent Citizens And Taken for Automobile Trips Around Country.

On Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning Ontario entertained the most distinguished guests who have ever visited here.

As to what prompted the visit must be conjectured as the guests had nothing to announce.

The visitors were entertained by a banquet at the Carter house and automobile trips around the country, investigating the irrigating plants and developed lands and left for the Twin Falls section.

It may be significant that the Hill interests have acquired terminals at San Francisco and the Western Pacific have announced they are going to build to Twin Falls.

They were piloted across Oregon by Wm. Hanley and left for the east in their private cars.

J. W. McCulloch acted as toastmaster at the banquet and Mr.

Hill and Mr. Hanley made the principal talks.

The party was made up of the following:

Louis W. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern; W. P. Davidson, of St. Paul, president of the Oregon & Western Colonization Co.; J. H. Young, president, and A. M. Lupfer, chief engineer of the Hill Oregon lines; E. C. Leedy, chief of the Great Northern immigration department; F. W. Graham, Hill representative in Portland; Edward O. Rice, of the First National bank, of St. Paul, William Hanley, Burns; J. R. Stinson, Prineville, President Elliott, of the Northwestern Trust Co., St. Paul and L. P. Howe, president of the Imperial Elevator Co. and director in the Washburn-Crosby Milling Co., of Minneapolis.

EXCURSIONISTS GET VIEW OF INTERIOR

A few score of people took advantage of the excursion train run over the railroad to the tunnel last week and were given an opportunity of inspecting the great tunnel.

The trip was a revelation to many, it being their first glimpse of the country west of Vale and from the time the train started until it reached the tunnel there was much of interest, as most of the points had been read about, but never seen.

The valley from Vale to the mouth of the canyon is one big patch of green and shows thousands of acres of fertile lands in cultivation. The canyon is rugged and abounds in beauty and grandeur equal to any in the west. The Harper basin and the smaller ranches along the route, with the river winding through, makes up a panorama of rare beauty.

The big tunnel will be completed before this is printed as there was only a small amount of rock to be removed on the 30th, with power drills and four shifts of men working at it.

The tunnel is about 2500 feet long and the apex of the hill some 800 feet above it. Much talk has been made about the tunnel being wet, but it is no more so than any mining tunnel. There is a stream of sixty inches of water running out at the east approach and about the same quantity is being pumped out at the west portal by large centrifugal pumps driven from the big power plant at the east entrance.

The excursionists were given an opportunity of inspecting the tunnel and they found a fine piece of work. It is 20 feet wide and 25 feet high, all lined with timbers 12x12 and planking two inches thick and the timbring is right up with the works so that it will require but a day or so to have the train running through the tunnel soon as the rock is removed.

The grade beyond the tunnel is completed to mile post 80, near the Duncan McRae place, but there are some nineteen bridges to be built from the tunnel to that point. Some false work has been constructed and temporary bridges will be erected and in this manner the work can be carried on on several of the bridges at once.

The steel for the bridges is about all in the yards and can be moved to the sites as needed, without any delay. All the ties and rails for the fifty miles of road and the side tracks is in the yards at Vale so that no delay is expected in completing the work.

While the contract for the line to Dog Mountain has been let, no sub-

contracts are being made and it is the general impression that the necessary funds will not be available until after the annual meeting of the railroad officials this month. From mile post 80 to Dog Mountain there is but one short stretch of heavy work, the Crane creek gap, where there is a cut of thirty feet for a mile or so and from that point west it is straight work over a comparatively level country.

The town of Harper is the most important point on the line and will get the trade for the Westfall section. There is one store there and an excellent depot building, with good stock yards and it is announced that the first shipment of sheep will be made from there this week. Their new hotel building was burned last week, but we understand they will start work at once on another one.

There will be much rivalry between the towns of Riverside and Junction for the next stop of importance, the latter has the start and is being built up in a substantial manner, but the other has a large section of fine country to draw from.

The roadbed has been ballasted, fences built, the telegraph lines strung and everything is of standard construction. It was noticed that the road beyond Vale is as solid as this side and is ready for heavy trains and fast time.

ROSES ARE NOW IN BLOOM THROUGHOUT THE CITY

June is the rose month in Oregon and this part of the state is now showing bushes filled with the fragrant blooms of the best varieties grown anywhere. The result of the campaign made for the last two seasons is noted in a walk around the city, nearly every lawn showing a few bushes and some have the climbers and tree roses as well as large beds and rows.

The improved appearance of the city certainly warrants the ladies in keeping up the campaign for more roses.

The Pope is 78.

Rome.—The pope was 78 years old Monday, and innumerable telegrams and messages from all parts of the world arrived, felicitating the pontiff, wishing him a long and happy life.

ISIS OIL COMPANY WILL SOON RESUME OPERATIONS

Word has been received here from the officers of the Isis Oil & Gas company that they will start work in a few days on a well at their plant on Dead Ox Flat. They have large holdings and a first class equipment to work with. The company is composed of Portland business men.

There is a well defined oil strata running through their ground and there is every reason to expect them to get the oil.

ONTARIO BALL TEAM LOSES SIXTH GAME

Weiser Beats the Locals on Home Grounds By a Score of 12 to 5.

Ontario lost the sixth consecutive game of the season to Weiser last Sunday by a score of 11 to 5. The game was lost by a series of errors and by taking too long chances at catching a man at home. Alexander pitched a splendid game making 13 of the visitors whiff the air and allowing them only six hits.

Ontario batted better than usual making ten hits off of Perry. The features of the game were a home run by Roy Smith and a dive over the first baseman by Perry in order to reach first after fanning out.

The catchers have found some difficulty in catching Alexander's speedy drops. A new catcher will be in the line up next Sunday. The game was called in the eighth inning to give Weiser a chance to catch the homebound train.

Batteries for Ontario, were Alexander, Anderson and Blanden, for Weiser, Perry and Brockman.

Payette plays here next Sunday at 4. m., at the fair grounds.

OREGON GOVERNOR INVADERS THE DALLES

Accompanied by Militia, Compels Sheriff to Close Disorderly Houses.

The Dalles, Or.—Governor West arrived here Sunday with Major Smith and 11 state militiamen from Portland and compelled Sheriff Chrisman to imprison 32 women who had been arrested in a raid made Saturday night by special agents of the governor.

Chrisman refused to imprison those placed under arrest without commitments and because, he said, agents of Governor West had failed to convince the sheriff of their authority. After a conference with the governor Chrisman promised Governor West he would lend every assistance in his power in obeying the order of the executive.

Sworn in as deputies to make the raid were four ministers and they remained on guard with their prisoners until relieved by militiamen brought by Governor West.

Governor West said he had no desire to prosecute the girls who lived in the houses or visitors, and 29 of the 32 prisoners arrested will be held merely as witnesses. The prisoners are under guard in the Washington hotel and at one of the closed resorts. Ernest R. Ringo, of Salem, who was appointed special prosecutor by Governor West at the time of his Portland vice crusade, has been ordered to remain here to assist District Attorney Bell.

CHILDREN'S DAY AT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SUNDAY

The Congregational Sunday school will celebrate Children's Day next Sunday morning. Teachers and scholars have worked hard in preparation and a splendid program is expected. The preaching hour will be included in this service. All are cordially invited.

ONTARIO CELEBRATES THE FOURTH THIS YEAR

Arrangements Are Being Perfected For Three Days Celebration

Plans are rapidly shaping up for a big Fourth of July celebration in this city. A committee has been out this week interviewing the merchants and business men, soliciting funds and their response has been most liberal and a big fund has been subscribed.

A meeting will be held tonight at which time committees will be appointed to decide on the bands to be hired and other forms of entertainment for the amusement of the visitors. The celebration will probably last for two or three days.

HOME GROWN STRAWBERRIES ARE NOW ON THE MARKET

The local strawberry patches are turning out many quarts of luscious berries at present and they are earlier than the Hood River fields, something a little out of the ordinary.

Mr. Guerin sent in a box of fine ones to the Argus on Friday just to show how nice they really are. The Ontario berry, when grown with care, is equal to those grown any place, in size, color and flavor.

CITY COUNCIL PASSES MANY ORDINANCES

Beaver River Power Company asks for Light and Power Franchise

The Ontario city council broke the record for the amount of business transacted in one night at the regular monthly meeting Monday evening. Besides the regular business one dozen ordinances were passed, the largest number ever passed at a single session. All 12 ordinances relate to police regulations, as follows:

Ordinance 225 is an ordinance relating to the peace and welfare of Ontario. Ordinance 226 fixes penalty for assault and battery. Ordinance 227 fixes penalty for drawing fire arms and other dangerous weapons. Ordinance 228 fixes penalty for resisting an officer or refusing to assist an officer. Ordinance 229 prohibits carrying of concealed weapons and fixes the penalty. No. 230 is an ordinance prohibiting intoxication and drunkenness and fixing penalty for violation of the ordinance. No. 231 is an ordinance prohibiting violent, riotous or disorderly conduct, or the use of profane, abusive or obscene language, indecent or immoral acts or practices, and provides a penalty therefor. Ordinance No. 232 punishes contempt in recorder's court. Ordinance 233 prohibits fast driving within the city limits. Ordinance 234 prohibits riding and driving of animals upon sidewalks within the corporate limits. Ordinance 235 prohibits the keeping of swine within the city limits and provides a penalty. Ordinance 236 prohibits the running of certain animals at large within the city limits and providing for impounding of and sale of said animals, providing for a penalty for the violation of the ordinance and providing for a poundmaster and providing certain fees.

Mr. Wegg, representing the Beaver River company, addressed the council, asking that a franchise be granted his company for the purpose of furnishing light and power within the city of Ontario. The petition for a franchise was referred to the light and water committee.

E. M. Akers, representing the skating rink, addressed the council relative to the renewal of a license. A resolution was adopted repealing the present skating rink ordinance and the recorder was ordered not to issue any more licenses thereunder.

Mr. Preston, representing the Idaho-Oregon Light & Power Co., stated that his company would furnish a proposition at the next council meeting relative to the extension of the water mains into Riverside addition.

The matter of forming a sewer and drainage district system under the Bancroft act was made a special order for a meeting of the council to be called by the mayor.